

MARINE INFORMATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOTICE TO MARINERS CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) is in the midst of a hard copy to digital transition program. NGA has statutory requirements to produce and make available safety of navigation data and will continue to meet this obligation to the mariner. The weekly Notice to Mariners is available free of charge to all customers through the Internet on our website. Beginning with Notice to Mariners No. 1, 2005 NGA will no longer print and distribute hard copy versions of this weekly product.

The digital version of the weekly Notice to Mariners is available on the Maritime Safety Information website at <http://pollux.nss.nga.mil/> or through the NGA home page (www.nga.mil). All of the information and data contained in the hard copy Notice is also available on this website. Customers can rely on the same quality of data that the Notice to Mariners provides to the civil and military mariner with the advantages afforded by the Internet. Customers can access daily navigational safety updates and not be hampered by weekly mail deliveries of the hard copy Notice.

NOAA CHART NEW EDITIONS AND THEIR AVAILABILITY

NOAA recognizes two paper nautical chart products:

- the Charts-on-Demand chart distributed by OceanGrafix (www.OceanGrafix.com), and
- the traditional NOAA/NOS paper chart distributed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

The Charts-on-Demand chart is available the day after NOAA clears a New Edition for release. The traditional chart is available two to eight weeks later. Each is official, should be put into service immediately, and meets Federal chart carriage requirements immediately upon its release. For questions, contact NOAA at help@nauticalcharts.gov or call 301-713-1773 x105. Dates of Latest Edition for both charts are listed at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>.

This week's new editions released by NOAA are listed below:

11324	34 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION TX-GALVESTON BAY ENTRANCE-GALVESTON AND TEXAS CITY HARBORS (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariners changes.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:25,000
11361	72 nd Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION LA-MISSISSIPPI RIVER DELTA INSETS: Head of Passes Southwest Pass South Pass (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariners changes.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:80,000/LORAN-C 1:40,000 1:40,000 1:40,000
11371	37 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION LA-LAKE BORGNE AND APPROACHES-CAT ISLAND TO POINT AUX HERBES (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariners changes.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:80,000/LORAN-C
12280	5 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION MD-VA-CHESAPEAKE BAY (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariners changes, new hydrography and various general changes.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:200,000/LORAN-C
13275	29 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION MA-SALEM AND LYNN HARORS INSET: Manchester Harbor (New edition due to various general changes and new hydrography.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:25,000 1:10,000
16046	7 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION AK-McCLURE AND STOCKTON ISLANDS AND VICINITY (New edition due to change in format.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:50,204
16122	5 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION AK-CAPE DYER TO CAPE LISBURNE (New edition due to change in format.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:50,000

16200	14 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION AK-NORTON SOUND TO BERING STRAIT INSET: Golovnin Bay (New edition due to change in format.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:400,000/LORAN-C 1:100,000
16518	6 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION AK-UNALASKA ISLAND-CAPE KOVRIZHKA TO CAPE CHEERFUL (New edition due to change in format.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:40,000